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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Roderic Dale et al.**  
Application No. **09/223,957**  
Filed: **December 31, 1998**  
For: **Method for Nucleic Acid Preparation**

Group Art Unit: **1623**  
Examiner: **Howard V. Owens, Jr.**

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

- Transmitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003.
- Extension of Time: The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) apply. Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time from October 2, 2003 to January 2, 2004, the fee for which is **\$475.00** as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) for a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.
- Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16):

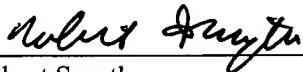
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Remaining		Previously Paid	Extra	Rate	Total Fees
Total Claims	18	minus	20	0	\$18 each=	0.00
Independent Claims	3	minus	3	0	\$86 each=	0.00
First presentation of Multiple dependent claim					\$290.00	0.00
Sub-total =						0.00
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity						0.00
Total Fee =						0.00

- Fee Payment: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$640.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the three-month extension of time fee (\$475.00) and the Notice of Appeal Fee (\$165.00) for a small entity.
- Constructive Petition: **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This

paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

Dated: **December 23, 2003**  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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